

Recreation Facility Strategy Proposal

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (Eagle River-Florence, Great Divide, Lakewood-Laona, Medford-Park Falls, and Washburn Ranger Districts)
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Applicable Categorical Exclusion:

- 36 CFR 220.6(d)(5) – Repair and maintenance of recreation sites and facilities
- 36 CFR 220.6(e)(20) – Restore, rehabilitate, or stabilize lands occupied by roads and trail excluding National Forest System roads and National Forest System trails to a more natural condition

Purpose and Need:

The purpose of the Recreation Facility Strategy project is to create a sustainable recreation program on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National forest by changing the maintenance of developed recreation sites and facilities. The need is to modify the current program with changes to the operations and maintenance in 95 recreation sites across the forest.

In 2010, the Forest Service issued new strategic direction for the recreation program called a “Framework for Sustainable Recreation.” In 2012, the Forest Service Planning Rule defined sustainable recreation as “The set of recreation settings and opportunities on the National Forest System that is ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable for present and future generations.” Beginning in 2014, the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest began to reach an unsustainable threshold within the recreation program and decided to reduce services and/or close roughly 11 percent of the Forest’s developed recreation areas during the 2015 recreation season. For several years prior to that, the Forest had continued to maintain normal service levels despite financial challenges. These challenges were due to the increasing costs of operation and maintenance and declining fee collections.

These reductions in service/closures have remained in place with minor adjustments since 2015 allowing the forest to focus on operating and maintaining sites that were open as well as accomplishing deferred maintenance items. Since then, the Forest has been working to develop a sustainable developed recreation program through the Recreation Site Analysis process and a 5-year Recreation Facility Strategy.

About 200 sites are included in the Recreation Facility Strategy and only a portions of them are covered in this project. Sites with the following actions in the Recreation Facility Strategy are not covered under this project include:

- Sites with no changes in management actions
- Name changes to sites
- Reduction in mowing areas
- Reduction in site maintenance during non-peak season
- Pursuit of partner for the management of sites including snow removal
- Increase in fees
- Actions covered under other existing NEPA.
- In-kind replacement of an existing roll-in docks, tables, kiosks, existing building components such as roofs, doors, lighting fixtures, etc.
- Manual removal of tables and fire rings

These activities are outside the scope of this CE and will be reviewed under a different analysis:

- MVUM road and trail use designations will not be changed as a part of this project. No MVUM roads and trails will be closed to public use as a part of this decision.

Project Description and Actions:

The Forest Service proposes programmatic maintenance of developed recreation sites across the forest. It includes varying actions at 73 sites (from increased amenities to decreased maintenance) and removal of amenities at 22 sites to convert them to general forest. An integral part of the proposal is that a list of Recreation Facility Projects will be sent in an annual program of work to the resource specialists for additional review. Proposal is to have the next year’s activities identified by Aug 1st for specialist review. Previous year’s list of accomplished actives reported by Dec 1st. Project is expected to be implemented in the next ten years.

General Action information: The actions are within the existing recreation areas. Most activities are with the existing foot prints of the campsites or road right of ways; but some activities may be outside of the existing footprints. For example: the host sites upgrade action adds amenities to existing sites and installing the septic holding tank may need to be adjacent to the existing camping pad; creation of group sites would be by combining two existing sites to make one group site; and utility lines (electric, water, etc.) may travel between campsites and other amenities.

Boat Ramp Replacement or Concrete Plank Installation General Description: Work on boat ramps would follow the DNR requirements and BMPs.

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Developed Recreation Sites Identified to Convert Back to a General Forest Area General Description: These would not be closed to public use. General forest areas are anywhere in the National Forest open to the public where there is no active recreation management such as hazard tree removal, regular trash collections, or routine patrols. General forest areas are also typically void of improvements like fire rings, toilets, and picnic tables. The proposal for a developed recreation site converting to general forest area is to remove improvements/facilities and allowed the site to naturally revegetate. It would remain open to the public for uses such as picnicking or disperse camping. Removal of improvements/facilities, such as toilets, may include reestablishment of vegetation and erosion control to restore or stabilize the areas previously occupied by the improvement. The future management of these sites converting back to general forest would default to the current management area. Many of these sites have been closed since 2015. Action many include the removal of picnic tables, fire rings, signs and kiosks. In many cases, these amenities have already been removed.

Physical Barriers General Description: Boulders or berms may be placed to prevent vehicular access on non-MVUM road. Placement of boulders or berms would be done mechanically with equipment. See site description for specifics.

Removal of Amenities at Sites General Description: May include toilets, campsites, and non-MVUM roads. Items being removed vary from site to site. Removal of fire rings, fences, signs, kiosks, grills and fee tubes would be done manually by hand.

Vault Toilet Removal General Description: Removal of toilets would be done mechanically with equipment.

Vault Toilet Removal General Description: These older vaults, ones with wooden structure, are inspected for contents and pumped if they contain waste, above ground structure is removed by heavy equipment and disposed of at a registered landfill. Substructure holding tank walls are caved in, fill is placed in cavity, and area is then graded, seeded, and mulched.

Vault Toilet Replacement General Description: May include removal of the holding tank or it would be filled in as described above and the new toilet placed adjacent to the old location.

Newer Vault Toilet Removal General Description: These are newer concrete vault structures, mostly installed around 2011/2012. The Forest is looking into moving these concrete toilets to new locations vs. destroying them.

Well Decommission General Description: Follows all DNR regulations. Well abandonment involves the removal of above ground pumps, pipes and casings. The hole would be sealed and capped with concrete. Disturbance is typically 6 by 6 foot area around the well casing about 4 feet deep.

Well Replacement General Description: Work on wells would follow the DNR requirements. Any new well would be drilled according to Wisconsin well drillers code (NR812).

Applicable Forest Plan Goals and Management Area: All current management area direction would apply.

Goal 2.1 – Recreation Opportunities: Maintain or enhance the diversity and quality of recreation experiences within acceptable limits of change to ecosystem stability and condition.

- Objective 2.1i – Provide well-maintained developed campgrounds that meet Forest Service guidelines.
- Objective 2.1j – Inventory and manage remote campsites to minimize environmental impacts of recreation use.
- Objective 2.1k – Close unsurfaced primitive access roads to some lakes to provide a more primitive recreation experience. Emphasize lakes with documented RFSS sites.

Guidelines that specifically help support the project:

- Some new campsites may be added to existing campgrounds.
- Recreation facility rehabilitation should be undertaken in the following priority: (1) Correct health and safety problems; (2) Protect the environment; (3) Improve accessibility; (4) Changing camp unit design for efficient administration; and (5) Refurbish worn facilities.
- Improve some boat landings to minimize resource impacts or improve customer convenience where fully surfaced access roads (graveled, paved, or concrete) already exist.

The following criteria was used when evaluating developed sites for closure: (1) High unit operating costs; (2) High deferred maintenance costs; (3) Less than 25% of practical maximum capacity use within two preceding years; (4) Public concerns; (5) Able to satisfy demand at alternative locations; (6) Resource damage; and (7) strategic change to meet regional tourism goals and meet customer demand

INFRA SITE ID	SITE NAME	DISTRICT	Proposed Action for this NEPA review	Final Management Action as described in the Recreation Facility Strategy. Not every actions in the strategy were included in this NEPA project (e.g. changes in fees and solicitation of patterns to manage site were not included in this project).
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18314	Anvil Lake Campground	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	The host site (#2) will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite, Electricity will be added to campsites 1 and 3-10.	Electricity will be added to campsites 1 and 3-10. The host site will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite. The current camping fee may increase.
18318	Brule River Campground	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Hand pump, vault toilet, and fee station/kiosk would be removed. Campsites would be allowed to passively decommission / naturally re-vegetate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including tables, fire rings, site posts, fee station, hand pump and vault toilet are removed. Entrance gate will remain closed to prevent vehicular access and allow site to revegetate.
56092	Franklin Lake Boat Landing	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Toilet building will be replaced with a new one in the same location	Site maintenance during non-peak season will be reduced and partner will be pursued for snow removal. The toilet building will be replaced with a new one through alternative funding sources as available. The recreation use fee may increase.
18315	Franklin Lake Campground	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Electricity will be added to campsites 11-16, 18, 20, 23, 25, and 28-40. Site 11 will be converted to the host site and will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite.	Electricity will be added to campsites 11-16, 18, 20, 23, 25, and 28-40. Site 11 will be converted to the host site and will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite. A fee will be charged at the Franklin Lake Cabin. The current camping fee may increase.
55503	Franklin Nature Trailhead	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Toilet building will be replaced with a new one	Site maintenance during non-peak season will be reduced and partner will be pursued for snow removal. The toilet will be replaced with a new one in a different location than the existing toilet through alternative funding sources as available. The recreation use fee may increase.
56830	Hwy 70 Wayside	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Toilet will be removed.	The toilet will be removed. Portal sign, information board, and asphalt surface will be retained.
56091	Kentuck Lake Boat Landing	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Toilet building will be replaced with a new one in the same location	Site maintenance during non-peak season will be reduced and partner will be pursued for snow removal. The toilet building will be replaced with a new one in the same location through alternative funding sources as available. The recreation use fee may increase.
18320	Kentuck Lake Campground	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Current host site (#7) would be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite with water, electric and sewer. Electricity will be added to campsites 1-6 and 8-14.	Electricity will be added to campsites 1-6 and 8-14. The current host site will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite. The current camping fee may increase.
18317	Lac Vieux Desert Campground	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Electricity will be added to campsites 1-10. The current host site will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite.	Electricity will be added to campsites 1-10. The current host site will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite. The current camping fee may increase.

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18342	Lost Lake Campground	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Electricity will be added to campsites 1 & 3-14 and current host site will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite.	Electricity will be added to campsites 1 & 3-14 through alternative funding sources as available. The current host site will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite. The current camping fee may increase.
56867	Nicolet North Trail / Anvil NRT Trailhead #3	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Signs would be removed and physical barriers, addition of large rocks, will be placed to prevent vehicular access and allow site to revegetate	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including signs. Physical barriers will be placed to prevent vehicular access and allow site to revegetate.
56110	Sevenmile Lake Boat Landing	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Hand pump will be decommissioned.	Site maintenance during non-peak season will be reduced and partner will be pursued for snow removal. Hand pump will be decommissioned through alternative funding sources. The recreation use fee may increase.
18288	Sevenmile Lake Campground	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Hand pump, vault toilet, and fee station/kiosk would be removed. Campsites would be allowed to passively decommission / naturally re-vegetate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including tables, fire rings, site posts, fee station, hand pump and vault toilets are removed. Entrance gate will remain closed to prevent vehicular access and allow site to revegetate.
18319	Spectacle Lake Campground	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Current host site (#1) would be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite with water, electric and sewer and the existing well will be upgraded. (E7 hand pump in the picnic area would be upgraded to an electric hardline pump, will need electric trenched to it)	The current host site will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite. The existing well will be upgraded. The current camping fee may increase.
55509	Spring Lake Fire Trailhead	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Sign posts would be removed: Signs are gone, just need to remove the posts. Area will be allowed to naturally regenerate	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including sign posts and access will be maintained on existing open MVUM roads.
18316	Windsor Dam Campground	Eagle River-Florence Ranger District	Hand pump, vault toilet, and fee station/kiosk would be removed. Campsites would be allowed to passively decommission / naturally re-vegetate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including tables, fire rings, site posts, fee station, hand pump and vault toilets are removed. Entrance gate will remain closed to prevent vehicular access and allow site to revegetate.
17691	Beaver Lake Campground	Great Divide Ranger District	Combine sites 1 and 2 into either a double or group campsite. Repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board in-kind and in same location	Combine sites 1 and 2 into either a double or group campsite. Repair/ replace existing kiosk/bulletin board and a campground host/volunteer will be recruited. The current camping fee may increase.
17741	Black Lake Campground	Great Divide Ranger District	Repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board. Four non-lakeside campsites and two walk-in campsites will be passively decommissioned (remove of tables, fire ring and site posts). Host site will be upgraded with amenities. Converted 1 site to double site.	A host site will be added with amenities. Repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board. Four non-lakeside campsites and two walk-in campsites will be passively decommissioned removal picnic table and fire-ring. Converted 1 site to double site. The current camping fee may increase.
41048	Black Lake Trailhead	Great Divide Ranger District	Repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board in-kind and in same location	The repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board.
36277	Camp Loretta/Dead Horse Trailhead	Great Divide Ranger District	Trailhead sign will be repaired and the parking area expanded.	The trailhead sign will be repaired and the parking area expanded. The recreation use fee may increase.

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23928	Day Lake Campground	Great Divide Ranger District	Repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board in-kind and in same location. Convert one site to host site with amenities and combine sites to create double campsites locations	A repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board. A host site will be added with amenities and double campsites created locations TBD. The current camping fee may increase. Upon establishment and occupancy of host site, re-open the two loops (Heron Circle and Blueberry Circle) within campground.
40283	Dead Horse Slough Trailhead	Great Divide Ranger District	Bulletin board would be removed, very little ground disturbance. Area will be allowed to naturally regenerate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as bulletin board is removed and access will be maintained on existing open MVUM roads and trails.
17689	East Twin Campground	Great Divide Ranger District	Repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board with in-kind and in same location	A repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board and a campground host/volunteer will be recruited. The current camping fee may increase.
17690	Lake Three Campground	Great Divide Ranger District	Hand pump, vault toilet, and fee station/kiosk would be removed. Physical Barriers (boulders or berm) would be installed to prevent vehicular access and campsites would be allowed to passively decommission / naturally re-vegetate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as tables, fire rings, site posts, fee station, hand pump and vault toilet will be removed. Boat launch will remain open for public use. Physical barriers will be placed to prevent vehicular access and allow site to revegetate.
41129	Marengo Trail Shelter	Great Divide Ranger District	Repair Adirondack shelter posts, minimal ground disturbance.	Repair Adirondack shelter posts, minimal ground disturbance.
33304	Mineral Lake Boat Landing	Great Divide Ranger District	Expansion of parking area by 3 to 5 truck and boat parking spaces.	The parking area will be expanded with the addition of 3 to 5 (truck and boat parking spaces). Replace a removable boat dock. A day use fee will be charged.
23929	Mineral Lake Campground	Great Divide Ranger District	Hand pump, vault toilet, and fee station/kiosk would be removed. Physical Barriers, large boulders, would be installed to prevent vehicular access and campsites would be allowed to passively decommission / naturally re-vegetate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as tables, fire rings, site posts, fee station, hand pump and vault toilet will be removed. Boat launch will remain open for public use. Physical barriers will be placed to prevent vehicular access and allow site to revegetate.
24140	Moose Lake Campground	Great Divide Ranger District	Host site will be added with amenities; repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin boards. One to two double campsites will be created by combining sites. The existing well will be replaced with an electric pump.	A host site will be added with amenities; repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board.. One to two double campsites will be created. The existing well will be replaced with an electric pump. The current camping fee may increase.
40004	Mukwonago Trail	Great Divide Ranger District	Trailhead entrance will be expanded to allow two lanes of vehicle traffic	The trailhead entrance will be expanded to allow two lanes of vehicle traffic. The recreation use fee may increase.
17742	Namekagon Boat Landing	Great Divide Ranger District	Replace boat ramp concrete pads and the existing parking lot expanded	Replace boat ramp concrete pads and the existing parking lot expanded. Replace a removable boat dock.
17740	Namekagon Campground	Great Divide Ranger District	Repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board in-kind and in same location. Administratively converting a single site into a double campsite within the campsite's existing footprint. Site being converted currently big enough to handle double occupancy without groundwork.	A repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board. A converting a single site into a double campsite within existing footprint. The following actions are covered under other NEPA: Electricity will be added to the south loop (24 sites) and amenities added to the host site. All campground roads repaved. The current camping fee may increase.

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41047	Namekagon Trailhead	Great Divide Ranger District	Repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board in-kind and in same location	The repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board and grooming of the cross-country ski trails will be accomplished through a partnership.
17695	Potter Lake Boat Landing	Great Divide Ranger District	Remove signs	Signs will be removed. The toilet was already removed. One post near the unimproved boat launch will remain on site for DNR regulations postings. The mowed area will be reduced and the site will continue to be maintained as a primitive boat launch.
33472	Rock Lake NRT	Great Divide Ranger District	Trailhead entrance will be expanded to allow two lanes of vehicle traffic	The trailhead entrance will be expanded to allow two lanes of vehicle traffic. The recreation use fee may increase.
17696	Stock Farm Bridge Campground	Great Divide Ranger District	Repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board in-kind and in same location	Repair/replace existing kiosk/bulletin board. A campground host/volunteer will be recruited. A portion of the campsites in the campground will be added to the reservation system. The current camping fee may increase.
26729	West Torch Trailhead	Great Divide Ranger District	Bulletin board and fee station will be removed, trail actions are not a part of this project	The board and fee station will be removed. A portion of the trail (1.3 Km) will be converted to a Hunter Walking Trail. The remaining 2.7 Km, 5.9 Km and 8.1 Km trail segments has been passively decommissioning since 2007.
21631	Ada Lake Campground	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Current host site (#2) would be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite with water, electric and sewer. The hand pump will be removed and replaced with a hydrant from the existing well house (trenching from existing well house to hand pump location will be needed). The hand pump well would be capped when hydrant is installed.	The current host site will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite by adding water and sewer. The hand pump will be removed and replaced with a hydrant from the existing well house (trenching from existing well house to hand pump location will be needed). The current camping fees will increase.
18370	Bagley Rapids Campground	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Current host site (#2) would be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite with water, electric and sewer.	The current host site will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite with water, electric and sewer. The hand pump will be upgraded with a solar well solar well house (may need have to install panels away from current wells and electric trenched to well, location TBD). The fire rings and picnic tables will be replaced in-kind in the same location. The current camping fee may increase.
18370	Bagley Rapids Campground	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	The hand pump will be upgraded with a solar well solar well house (may need have to install panels away from current wells and electric trenched to well).	The current host site will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite with water, electric and sewer. The hand pump will be upgraded with a solar well solar well house (may need have to install panels away from current wells and electric trenched to well, location TBD). The fire rings and picnic tables will be replaced in-kind in the same location. The current camping fee may increase.
18361	Bass Lake Beach	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	The new larger septic holding tank would be installed in existing tank location.	The new larger septic holding tank would be installed in existing tank location. Internal remodeling of existing bathrooms (toilets and urinals will be replaced with low flow models to reduce water usage) and overflow alarm system replaced. The recreation use fee may increase.
18390	Bear Lake Campground	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Current host site (#1) would be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite with water, electric and sewer. One well will be upgraded to an electric well house (power will be trenched in from the host site).	The current host site will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite with water, sewer and electric. One well will be upgraded to an electric well house (power will be trenched in from the host site). The fire rings and picnic tables will be replaced in-kind in the same locations. The current camping fee may increase.
56821	Bear Paw Lake Boat Landing	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Toilet building will be replaced within exiting footprint with a new one	The toilet will be replaced same location with a new one through alternative funding sources as available. The recreation use fee may increase.

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18391	Big Joe Peshtigo River Canoe Access	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Toilets would be removed (everything else has been removed). Area will be allowed to naturally regenerate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including toilets are removed to allow site to revegetate. Tables, fire rings, and trash cans have already been removed. Trail to the river will be minimally maintained. Access to site will be maintained on existing open MVUM roads.
18371	Boot Lake Campground	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Current host site (#2) would be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite with water, electric and sewer. The toilet buildings will be replaced in same location with new ones. Hand pumps on drinking water will be upgraded to a solar well house (may need have to install panels away from current wells and electric trenched to well).	The current host site will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite with water, sewer and electric. Hand pumps on drinking water will be upgraded to a solar well house (may need have to install panels away from current wells and electric trenched to well, location TBD). The toilet buildings will be replaced in same location with new ones through alternative funding sources as available. The current camping fee may increase.
18372	Boulder Lake Campground	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	The second host site (#41) will have water and sewer added to be a full hook-up site. Electricity will be added to sites 2-8, 17-24 and 69-80.	The second host site will have water and sewer added to be a full hook-up site. Electricity will be added to sites 2-8, 17-24 and 69-80. Internal remodeling to all three shower buildings to maintain and repaired facility. The current camping fee may increase.
56817	Burnt Bridge Canoe Access	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Toilet and fire ring would be removed. Area will be allowed to naturally regenerate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including toilet and fire ring are removed to allow site to revegetate. Access will be maintained on existing open MVUM roads.
56818	Burton Wells Canoe Access	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Toilet and fire ring would be removed. Area will be allowed to naturally regenerate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including toilet and fire ring are removed to allow site to revegetate. Access will be maintained on existing open MVUM roads.
56826	Deer Lake Boat Landing	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Toilet will be removed.	The toilet will be removed.
55526	Fanny Lake Trailhead	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Toilet building will be replaced within exiting footprint with a new one	The toilet building will be replaced within exiting footprint with a new one through alternative funding sources as available. The recreation use fee may increase.
56115	Gordon Lake Beach	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	The hand pump remove and well capped	A day use fee will be charged and the hand pump remove and well capped on the beach will be removed.
56116	Gordon Lake Boat Landing	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Toilet will be removed.	Toilet will be removed when no longer serviceable (perhaps in a few years).
18363	Green Lake Beach and Picnic	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	CCC era pavilion, toilet, kiosks and parking lot pavement (or scarify pavement so vegetation can grow through) would be removed. Beach is pretty much reclaimed and it will recover naturally. Replace the gate with boulders after rehab is completed and area will be allowed to naturally regenerate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including tables, grills, kiosks, toilet, CCC era pavilion, parking lot pavement (or scarify pavement so vegetation can grow through) and beach is pretty much reclaimed and it will recover naturally. Entrance gate will remain closed to prevent vehicular access and allow site to revegetate.
55532	Halley Creek Bird Trailhead	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Convert to general forest, infrastructure has been removed	Site will be converted to a general forest area. All infrastructure including site sign has been removed, the single parking spot will be retained. Access will be maintained on existing open MVUM roads and trails.

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18392	Laura Lake Campground	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	The host site (#15) will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite. The current toilet buildings will be replaced in same location with new ones.	A host site will be added with full hook-ups. The two remaining hand pumps will be replaced with new solar wells (may need to have panels away from current wells and eclectic trenched to well, location TBD). The current toilet buildings will be replaced in same location with new ones through alternative funding sources as available. The current camping fee may increase.
18392	Laura Lake Campground	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	The two remaining hand pumps will be replaced with new solar wells (may need to have panels away from current wells and eclectic trenched to well).	A host site will be added with full hook-ups. The two remaining hand pumps will be replaced with new solar wells (may need to have panels away from current wells and eclectic trenched to well, location TBD). The current toilet buildings will be replaced in same location with new ones through alternative funding sources as available. The current camping fee may increase.
56121	Pine Lake Boat Landing	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Boat landing will be repaved and the toilet building replaced in same location with a new one.	The boat landing will be repaved and the toilet building replaced in same location with a new one through alternative funding sources as available. The recreation use fee may increase.
18291	Pine Lake Campground	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Hand pump will be replaced with a new solar well (may need to have panels away from current wells and electric trenched to well). The toilet buildings will be replaced in same location with new ones	The hand pump will be replaced with a new solar well (may need to have panels away from current wells and electric trenched to well, location TBD). The toilet buildings will be replaced in same location with new ones through alternative funding sources as available. The fire rings and picnic tables will be replaced in-kind in the same locations. The current camping fee may increase.
56819	Rat River Bridge Dispersed Campsite	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Toilet would be removed. Area will be allowed to naturally regenerate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including toilet and fire ring are removed to allow site to revegetate. Access will be maintained on existing open MVUM roads.
18389	Richardson Lake Campground	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Current host site (#8) would be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite with water, electric and sewer. Single sites 3 and 4, 10 and 13, 15 and 17 will be combined to make three double sites (soil disturbance between sites, trees may need to be removed, too, but goal is to retain as many trees as possible). Toilet buildings will be replaced in same location with new ones. The two hand pumps will be replaced by one electric pump house with two hydrants (trenching may be needed). One hand pump well would be capped when hydrant is installed. Electricity will be added to all new double sites along with sites 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 16.	The host site will be upgraded to include full hook-ups, water, sewer, and electric. The two hand pumps will be replaced by one electric pump house with two hydrants (trenching may be needed, location TBD). Single sites 3 and 4, 10 and 13, 15 and 17 will be combined to make three double sites (soil disturbance between sites, trees may need to be removed, too, but goal is to retain as many trees as possible). Electricity will be added to all new double sites along with sites 8,9, 11, 12, 14, and 16. Toilet buildings will be replaced in same location with new ones with new ones through alternative funding sources as available. Fire rings and picnic tables will be replaced. The current camping fee may increase.
56828	Roberts Lake Boat Landing	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	remove grills (tables were already removed)	The grills will be removed from picnic area and it will no longer be maintained. Parking area will be mowed only as needed. The roll-in dock at the boat ramp will be maintained until it no longer meets health and safety standards then not replaced. A partner provided dock will be pursued.
56820	Rose Lake Boat Landing	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Toilet will be removed.	The toilet will be removed.
18364	Wheeler Lake Beach	Lakewood-Laona Ranger District	Well would be removed and capped, if partnership is dissolves. Analysis reviewed site for well/hand pump removal.	Current partnership will be maintained, in the absence of a partner the well will be capped. The recreation use fee may increase.

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40262	Blockhouse Flambeau Trailhead	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Kiosk is removed. Proposal to remove vault toilet and reclaim some gravel from the parking/access road area, hardened surface would be reduced to standard trail tread widths where the existing trail crosses the site and connects to the road.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as vault toilet and kiosk are removed and parking/access road area is be revegetated. Trailhead is just a widened gravel space on trail near the roadway; with a drive-thru like design. Proposal is to reclaim some gravel from the parking/access road area (drive-thru area) to allow that area to naturally revegetate. Trail runs through this trailhead so, hardened surface would be reduced to standard trail tread widths where the existing trail connects to the road.
22923	Blockhouse Lake Boat Landing	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Install kiosk and the grassy mowed area will be graveled (interior area on existing loop) to expand the parking area within the existing footprint of mowed area; no tree or brush removal needed to expand.	The recreation site will be converted to a boat landing and trailhead; a day use fee will be charged. The visitor information trail kiosk will be improved and the grassy mowed area will be graveled to expand the parking area within the existing footprint of mowed area; no tree or brush removal needed to expand. Implementation costs will be supported through alternative funding sources.
25728	Chippewa Campground	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	The accessible fishing pier replaced with a permanent pier in the same location and access path paved. The fish cleaning station will be removed.	The mowed area within the campground will be reduced, the accessible fishing pier replaced with a permanent pier in the same location and access path paved. The fish cleaning station will be removed. The following actions will be covered under other projects: the rustic loop will be opened to ATV/UTVs including the road to the trailhead. Electricity will be added to campsites in Bass Loop (17 total). All campground roads will be repaved and the existing 4 shower houses will be repaired and renovated. The current camping fee may increase.
22986	Eastwood Campground	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Toilet removal and campsites 1-10 would have their amenities removed. Campsites might continue to be mowed for overflow parking or they be allowed to passively decommission / naturally re-vegetate	Campsites 1-10 and the toilet between sites 3 and 6 will be removed. Options to provide overflow parking will be explored. The brushing by hand to improve view of the lake for campsites 11- 22 and a portion of the remaining campsites remain on the reservation system. The current camping fee may increase.
17654	Emily Lake Campground	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Reconfiguration of this campground need plans developed. Some campsites will be removed and some will be expanded. Detail review needed when plans are developed. The boat trailer parking area will be expanded.	The entire campground will be reservable as a group site. If not reserved, single sites and double sites will be available on a first come, first serve basis. The current camping fee will increase and a day use fee will be charged for the boat landing.
41044	Hwy 182/Flambeau Trailhead	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Kiosk would be removed and area will be allowed to naturally regenerate	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure is removed and parking/access road area will be revegetated. We are removing kiosk, rest of TH is just a widened gravel space on trail near roadway. We will NOT reclaim gravel and let nature take its course and stop identifying it as a TH.
17716	Kathryn Lake Campground	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	In absence of this partner, vault toilets, hand pump, fee station / kiosk would be removed. Campsites would be allowed to passively decommission / naturally re-vegetate. Reviewed for removal of all amenities.	The campground will remain closed as discussions around expanding an existing partnership are explored. In absence of this partner, site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure is removed. The ball field and picnic area will continue to be maintained under existing partnership.
40249	Lakeview Boat Landing	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Accessible path to the fishing pier will be repaved and the permanent pier will be replaced. The roads to the picnic and boat ramp access roads will be repaved including the installation of concrete planks on the boat ramp.	The accessible path to the fishing pier will be repaved and the pier will be replaced. The roads to the picnic and boat ramp access roads will be repaved including the installation of concrete planks on the boat ramp. These items will be accomplished through alternative funding sources as available. The recreation use fee may increase.
17655	Newman Lake Picnic Area	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	The swing set and horseshoe pits will be removed. A shelter will be constructed closer to the beach or maybe the Smith Rapids shelter moved to this site. A new solar well will be installed.	The mowed area will be reduced and a shelter will be constructed closer to the beach. The swing set and horseshoe pits will be removed. A new solar well will be installed. The recreation use fee may increase.
40380	Newman Springs Trailhead	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Toilet and fee tube will be removed	Discontinue winter grooming as a ski trail system. Pit toilet and fee tube will be removed.

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17714	North Twin Campground	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Hand pump, vault toilet, and fee station/kiosk would be removed. Campsites would be allowed to passively decommission / naturally re-vegetate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure is removed and camping area will be revegetated. Infrastructure to be removed includes: gate, hand pump, site posts, vault toilet, fire rings, tables, fee station. No physical barriers as a very short pull through road we anticipate to be naturally reclaimed in near future as already well overgrown (closure since 2015)
17720	Picnic Point Campground	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	The area will be planted with shade trees. The toilet building will be replaced with a new one in the same location and the access road will be paved from Forest Road 106 through the boat ramp. Concrete planks will also be installed on the boat ramp.	The area will be planted with shade trees. The toilet building will be replaced with a new one in the same location and the access road will be paved from Forest Road 106 through the boat ramp. Concrete planks will also be installed on the boat ramp. These items will be accomplished through alternative funding sources as available. The recreation use fee may increase.
40405	Round Lake Boat Landing	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Installing of pollinator garden (native grasses and tree plantings incorporated into the site) in areas that are currently mowed. Solar well would be removed and capped.	The mowed area will be reduced and installing of pollinator garden (native grasses and tree plantings incorporated into the site). This area will be maintained through prescribed burns, covered under other NEPA. The solar well will be removed and brushing by hand to improve view of the lake. The recreation use fee may increase.
40381	Round Lake Logging Dam	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Installing of pollinator garden (native grasses and tree plantings incorporated into the site) in areas that are currently mowed.	The mowed area will be reduced and installing of pollinator garden (native grasses and tree plantings incorporated into the site). The interpretive signage, dam kiosk and visitor information has been improved including signs along the trail. Some of the trail system loops that traverse year round wet areas will be eliminated under other NEPA. The recreation use fee will be increase.
17651	Sailor Lake Campground	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Campsites 19-22 will be converted to a host site or removed, two of these sites will be combined for a host site the other one would have amenities removed (table, fire ring and site post removed). Campsites 10 and 11 as well as 13 and 14 will be combined to provide two additional double campsites. The trailhead parking lot will be enlarged.	Campsites 19-22 will be converted to a host site or removed, two of these sites will be combined for a host site the other one would have amenities removed (table, fire ring and site post removed). Campsites 10 and 11 as well as 13 and 14 will be combined to provide two additional double campsites. The trailhead parking lot will be enlarged. Mowing of the previously decommissioned beach and meadow area will be reduced and the area maintained through routine prescribed burns. The current camping fee may increase.
17667	Smith Rapids Campground	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Campsites 1 and 5 will be passively decommissioned (table, fire ring and site post removed). The shelter may be relocated to Newman Lake Picnic Area, Shelter is not old, and plan is to deconstruct the structure, unbolt it, and move it.	The mowed area will be reduced. Campsites 1 and 5 will be removed. The shelter may be relocated to another location. The following trail work is covered under another project: the entire equestrian trail will be rerouted north into Buffalo Farms, the existing horse trail system will be decommissioned and the three bridges removed.
17713	Spearhead Point Campground	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Fire places in shelter building will be repaired and the lakeside staircases replaced.	The fire places in shelter building will be repaired and the lakeside staircases replaced. The current camping fee may increase.
17663	Twin Lakes Campground	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Campsite 1 would have amenities removed (table, fire ring and site post removed) and campsites 2 and 3, 4 and 5, 6 and 7 will be converted to double campsites.	A day use fee will be charged for the boat landing. Campsite 1 will be removed and campsites 2 and 3, 4 and 5, 6 and 7 will be converted to double campsites. Brushing by hand to improve the view of the lake will be improved for campsites 8-17 and a portion of the campsites will remain on the reservation system. The current camping fee may increase.
17715	West Point Campground	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Campsites 1-3 will be passively decommissioned (remove of tables, fire ring and site posts), natural re-veg the sites or sites might continue to be mowed for overflow parking	Campsites 1-3 (remove of tables, fire ring and site posts), natural re-veg or sites might continued to be mowed for overflow parking and expand some campsites to double sites. The brushing by hand to improve view of the lake for campsites 5-15. The current camping fee may increase.

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40286	Wintergreen Trailhead	Medford-Park Falls Ranger District	Warming shelters will be replaced with a similar modern design and a drive through garage will be added for grooming equipment, exact building site location and designs not developed.	The warming shelters will be replaced with a similar modern design and a drive through garage will be added for grooming equipment, exact building site location and designs not developed. All trail work will be covered under other NEPA once we have a proposed action for the reroutes: Some of the ski and snowmobile trail(s) through year-round wet areas will be rerouted and covered under separate NEPA once we have developed the reroutes. The fire tower hiking trail will be connected to the ski trails. The recreation use fee may increase.
481	Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center	NGLVC	Repair both parking lots, main parking repaving and maintenance of trailhead parking lot west of Co. Hwy. G	The parking lots will be repaired through alternative funding sources as available.
40451	Bass Lake Boat Landing	Washburn Ranger District	Toilet would be removed, signs added near entrance along Delta-Drummond Rd.	The old vault toilet will be removed. The boat landing will be maintained and directional signage added to Delta - Drummond road (FH 35).
41126	Beck Road Multi-use Trailhead	Washburn Ranger District	New concrete toilet and fence would be removed (installed 2011/2012). Area will be allowed to naturally regenerate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including toilet building and fence are removed. Trailhead and connector trail will not be maintained but access will remain off the existing open MVUM road.
17760	Birch Grove Campground	Washburn Ranger District	The host site (#3) will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite. There has been numerous NEPA projects that cover this site: 2016 Recreation and Roads Restoration (blowdown damage repair) CE, 2010 Washburn Campground Facilities Projects CE, 2011 Birch Grove / Two Lakes RAC CE, and Twin Lakes Salvage EA to harvest blowdown.	Amenities will be added to the host site and a group site will be created. A portion of the campsites will be considered for the reservation system. The current camping fee may increase. The following actions were covered under other NEPA: group sites in the back loop, a new visitor information kiosk, one well upgraded and one hand pump repaired.
40385	Bladder Lake Day Use	Washburn Ranger District	New fee tube and kiosk would be installed; create group camp site in old campsite areas; parking area will be expanded.	A new fee tube will be installed. A new visitor information kiosk will be added. The day use portion of the site will continue to be maintained while a reservable group camp site is created with an associated fee. The parking area will be expanded. The site will be renamed Bladder Lake Recreation Area. The recreation use fee will increase and the site will be added to the reservation system.
40448	Hoist Lake	Washburn Ranger District	Parking area and carry-in boat access reconfiguration to reduce erosion into lake	Opportunities will be pursued for parking area and carry-in boat access reconfiguration to reduce erosion into lake. This will be accomplished through alternative funding sources as available. Suggest changing to: Parking area and carry-in boat access reconfiguration to reduce erosion into lake
41052	Horseshoe Lake Dispersed Area	Washburn Ranger District	Toilet would be removed. Fence replaced with boulders. Area will be allowed to naturally regenerate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including toilet building and picnic table are removed. Fence is replaced with rocks. Site will not be maintained but access will remain off the existing open MVUM roads.
40461	Lake Owen Boat Launch	Washburn Ranger District	toilet building will be replaced with a new one	A partner will be pursued to manage the site, if no partner is available USFS will maintain the site at current level. The toilet building will be replaced with a new one through alternative funding sources as available.
40250	Long Lake Picnic Area	Washburn Ranger District	Fee stations and information kiosks will be relocated. The retaining wall at the boat landing and the trail boardwalk will be repaired and the hand pump removed.	Fee stations and information kiosks will be relocated. The retaining wall at the boat landing and the trail boardwalk will be repaired and the hand pump removed. The recreation use fee may increase. ATV/UTV access will be allowed to the eastern portion of the paved parking area where ATV/UTV access is currently permitted by the Town on Town roads 1890A and 1890 that access site.

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40272	Mt. Valhalla Chalet Recreation Area	Washburn Ranger District	Main site: The ATV power wash station will be removed, this is a self-contained unit that looks like a shipping container. Secondary parking north of County Road C: kiosk and fence would be removed and area will be allowed to naturally regenerate. Area was developed into parking area in 2010/2011.	The parking area north of County Road C will be converted to general forest area. Infrastructure including the kiosk and fence will be removed and the site will not be maintained but access will remain off the existing open MVUM road.
40272	Mt. Valhalla Chalet Recreation Area	Washburn Ranger District	Parking area reconfigured including the creation of an accessible parking area. This area was reconfigured in 2013 Washburn Recreation Projects and 2009 Valhalla Safety ARRA Upgrade Project. Creation of group camping sites and electric camp sites.	Pursue partner/concessionaire opportunities for year-round operation of the site. The large chalet will be added to the reservation system with an associated fee. Group camping and electric camp site opportunities will be considered. The ATV power wash station will be removed and the parking area reconfigured including the creation of an accessible parking area.
40453	Old Baldy	Washburn Ranger District	fence and sign posts would be removed and area will be allowed to naturally regenerate	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including fence and sign posts are removed. Site will not be maintained but access will remain off the existing open MVUM road.
17759	Perch Lake Campground	Washburn Ranger District	The host site (#2) will be upgraded to a full hook-up campsite, 95% plans are completed for the host site work. Well repairs/upgrades, fixing retaining walls within campsites, replace culverts on roads, erosion control. Design work needed for non-host site work. Proposed for Stewardship retained receipts funding/work in 2021.	Amenities will be added to the host site, well repairs/upgrades, fixing retaining walls within campsites, replace culverts on roads, erosion control. A portion of the campsites will be considered for the reservation system. The current camping fee may increase.
40449	Star Lake Boat Landing	Washburn Ranger District	Boat landing and parking area would be reconstructed and reconfigured.	The boat landing will be reconstructed through alternative funding sources as available.
17761	Wanoka Campground	Washburn Ranger District	Amenities will be added to the host site. Repair/replace existing kiosk in-kind in the same location. Campground roads will be repaired and repaved, leveling of some campsites, and erosion control measure installed. An overflow parking area will be created and installation of toilet. Proposed for Stewardship retained receipts funding/work in 2022.	Amenities will be added to the host site and a portion of the campsites will be considered for the reservation system. A new visitor information and fee kiosk will be installed with solar lighting. Campground roads will be repaired, leveling of some campsites, and erosion control measure installed. An overflow parking area will be created and installation of toilet. The current camping fee may increase.
41127	Wanoka Multi-use Trailhead	Washburn Ranger District	New concrete toilet removed (installed in 2011/2012). Area will be allowed to naturally regenerate.	Site will be converted to a general forest area as infrastructure including toilet is removed to allow site to revegetate. Access will be maintained on existing open MVUM roads.